

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Thursday, May 29, 2008  
10:00 a.m., Adjourned Meeting


Board Members Present: GRAY ALLEN, ALEX FERREIRA, LOWELL JARVIS  
Board Members Absent: CHAIRMAN MIKE LEE, VICE-CHAIR OTIS WOLLAN  
Agency Personnel Present Who Spoke: DAVID BRENINGER, General Manager; EINAR MAISCH, Director of Strategic Affairs

A. Call to Order


The adjourned meeting of the Placer County Water Agency began at 10:15 a.m. at the Placer County Water Agency American River Pump Station, Auburn, California.

The General Manager introduced the Agency Board members and gave regrets from those who were unable to attend: Chairman Lee and Vice-Chairman Wollan.

B. Dedication of American River Restoration Project and the new American River Pump Station Project

 Opening comments:

The General Manager recalled the Agency's lengthy campaign to restore the Agency's permanent, year-round access to American River water. The original pump station was part of the Middle Fork American River Project (MFARP). A decision was made to build the Auburn Dam and the original pump station was removed. The Agency still had water rights but had no way to move the water uphill to the inlet where the water would go three miles from there to Auburn Ravine. As water was needed the Bureau of Reclamation installed temporary pumps and pipes each spring and removed them in the fall to avoid high water. In 1993 a process was started to build the permanent pump station.

 Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Director Jarvis

 Introductions:

The General Manager noted the following officials were present: Congressman John Doolittle; Bureau of Reclamation: Commissioner Robert Johnson, Regional Director Don Glaser, Area Manager Mike Finnegan; Placer County Supervisors Rocky Rockholm, Jim Holmes, and Kirk Uhler; Auburn City Council Members Bob Snyder and Mayor Pro Tempore Mike Holmes; Loomis Town Council Members Miguel Ucovich, Mayor Russ Kelley, and Tom Millward; Lincoln City Council Member Kent Nakata; Georgetown Divide Public Utility District Directors JoAnn Shepherd, Bob Diekon and Douglas Pickell; San Juan Water District Manager of Field Services George Machado; Rocklin City Mayor Brett Storey; Placer County District 4 Aide Brian Jagger; David Rose, State Water Resources Control Board; Jan Stevens, California Attorney General's Office; Jim Branham, Sierra Nevada Conservancy; past PCWA Board members Pauline

Roccucci, Roy Ruhkala, and Ed Horton; PCWA legal counsel Ed Tiedemann and Janet Goldsmith; Jeff Fedorchak, Washington D.C. Lobbyist; Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi; Auburn State Recreation Area Parks Superintendent Jay Galloway.

### Special commentaries

USBR Regional Director Don Glaser recognized his predecessor Kirk Rodgers, Mike Whittington, Area Manager and Acting Regional Director, and Drew Lassard who oversaw the Project. He spoke about how Reclamation positively impacts people's lives.

USBR Commissioner Robert Johnson spoke on the successful collaboration between the Bureau and local agencies for the benefit of local communities. He congratulated everyone involved in the Project.

Agency Director Allen introduced Congressman Doolittle and thanked him for his assistance in acquiring federal funding for various projects throughout Northern California and for the construction of the American River Pump Station Project. He noted Congressman Doolittle has fought for increases in water supplies and improvement in water reliability for Californians. He championed \$45 million in federal appropriations for the Project and authored legislation to authorize the transfer of the completed facility to the Agency.

Congressman Doolittle noted he has worked on the Project the entire time he was an elected representative. He spoke of government's important role in building good infrastructure to sustain long-term economic growth. He applauded the Agency and Bureau for the pump station and encouraged local leaders to preserve water rights for an Auburn Dam that may some day be needed. He stressed how important water rights are and recognized the County leaders from many years ago for their vision, foresight and work to build the MFARP.

PCWA Director of Strategic Affairs Einar Maisch noted the Project is built on 50 feet of debris from the failures of the coffer dam in 1986 and 1997. Because the river was diverted, the Agency had the opportunity to construct in the dry river channel. The bottom-inlet, high-velocity, self-cleaning fish screens are the first of their kind. The Project has safety features and is compatible for recreation.

He recognized federal officials: USBR Alan Stroppini, Bob Meador, Drew Lassard, and Mike Finnegan; State officials: Jonas Minton, Department of Fish and Game Kris Vyverberg; Parks and Recreation Jim Michaels; Agency team: Brian Martin, Brent Smith, Tony Firenzi, and Rick Bauer; Design team: Janet Atkinson of MWH, Wayne Dahl formerly with MWH, Rick McLaughlin, McLaughlin Rincon Ltd; George Slovensky and Bill Taggart, Arctic Slope Technical Services; Contractors: Wayne Manning, Manning Construction; Fred Paulsen and Steve Christian, Ford Construction.

### Presentations

Adam Willoughby presented the Agency with a Certificate of Recognition from Assemblyman Ted Gaines and the California State Legislature.

Director Jarvis and Director Allen thanked the Congressman for all he has done to get the Project built and Director Ferreira presented a commemorative plaque to the Congressman recognizing his achievement for all he has done for the County and Agency.

The General Manager presented Congressman Doolittle with an Agency hat with the new Agency logo.

Congressman Doolittle presented a copy of the first and last page of the signed title transfer bill.

The Director of Strategic Affairs gave the signal for the lowering of the gate to let the water flow.

 Reception

C. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

ATTEST:

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Cheri Sprunck, Clerk to the Board  
Placer County Water Agency